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TAGS: PFOR, MT, UK

SUBJECT: MINTOFF VISIT TO UK MAY 5: MIDDLE EAST

REF: LONDON 05294 (NOTAL)

1. AT LUNCH MAY 17 FOR NATO COUNTRY AMBASSADORS, UK
HIGH COMMISSIONER MORETON PROVIDED REVIEW OF MINTOFF
DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY DOUGLAS- HOME MAY 5.
MORETON WAS ON LEAVE DURING VISIT, AND HAS JUST RETURNED
TO MALTA. HIS REPORT THEREFORE BASED ON INFORMATION FROM
LONDON. MORETON' S ACCOUNT COINCIDED VERY CLOSELY WITH
REPORT IN LONDON REFTEL WITH ONE POSSIBLY INTERESTING
EXCEPTION. REGARDING MIDDLE EASTERN PROBLEMS, MORETON
SAID MINTOFF SPOKE WITH ENTHUSIASM ABOUT ITALIAN REPEAT
ITALIAN PLAN FOR " MASSIVE AID" TO EGYPT, INCLUDING ENLARGED

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SUEZ CANAL. THIS CONTRASTS WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED

EMBASSY LONDON WHICH REFERRED TO MINTOFF' S URGING EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY TO EXTEND MASSIVE AID TO ARABS. NEW ITALIAN
AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS PRESENT, LET THIS PASS WITH ONLY
COMMENT ABOUT MINTOFF' S EXAGGERATED IDEAS.

2. ONLY FURTHER POINT REPORTED BY MORETON WAS THAT MINTOFF
SEVERELY CRITICIZED BRITISH FOR ALLOWING QUEEN ELIZABETH
CRUISE TO ISRAEL AS PROVOCATIVE TO ARABS. GETZ

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